

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 6-10 and 14-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,300,931 to Someya et al. ("Someya"). Claims 17-18 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot with respect to claims 17 and 18.

Someya discloses a light crystal display (LCD) device 21 having a light source 20. A light source controlling circuit 19 controls whether the light source 20 is in a high-intensity state or a low-intensity state. Based upon the intensity state of the light source 20, look-up tables (LUT) 28-32 are populated using the RGB ratio calculated from expressions (1) and (2). (Someya, col. 3, lines 17-44; col. 4, lines 18-49; col. 4, line 66 through col. 5, line 4; and Figures 2-3.) A microcomputer 118 controls the intensity of the light source 20 via the circuit 19, and switching means 22-27 are switched accordingly to reference the LUT table which corresponds to the light source intensity. (Someya, col. 5, lines 11-17.)

Amended independent claim 1 recites "a parameter unit operable to generate a parameter based on the image information and a light state of said lighting unit, and operable to output the generated parameter; a signal correcting unit operable to correct the display signal using the generated parameter and operable to output the corrected display signal; and a driving unit operable to drive said display panel based on the corrected display signal." Independent claim 9 has been similarly amended. In contrast, Someya resorts to using a LUT that contains fixed data which is not based on "the image information and a light state of said lighting unit."

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that Someya does not disclose each and every feature of independent claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Someya does not anticipate the invention of claims 1 and 9. Claims 2 and 6-8 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 14-16 depend from claim 9. Applicants submit that claims 2, 6-8, 10 and 14-16 are patentable over Someya for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated February 7, 2006 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-16, 19-20 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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